

## CARTER... 'THIS WEAK SCARED MAN'

### Tory attacks climbdown over neutron bomb

By MICHAEL TONER

IN ONE of the most savage denunciations of an American President ever made by a senior British politician, Tory defence spokesman Sir Ian Gilmour yesterday tore into Mr Jimmy Carter for his "weak and dangerous" decision to postpone production of the neutron bomb.

He told Tories in Edinburgh: "There have been weeks of leaks and contradictions, and then after an orgy of weakness and vacillation the wrong decision has finally been reached."

"Mr Carter has been scared off the neutron weapon by the Russian propaganda barrage. It now seems that the Kremlin has virtually a right of veto on weapons that NATO is allowed to deploy."

"To have given the Russians such a major propaganda victory will do great damage in the West. Moreover, such behaviour ignores all post-war history."

"That history shows that when the West disarms unilaterally, the Russians do not follow suit. Instead of disarming, they speed up their own rearmament."

"I thought Sir Ian reserved his most concentrated fire for President Carter, he had some harsh words for the behaviour of Mr James Callaghan."

"Of course the fault is not entirely Carter's," he declared. "Mr Callaghan must shoulder much of the blame."

#### Necessary

"For months it has been clear that Britain should have been taking the lead in Europe and calling for the neutron bomb was necessary for the defence of the West—but of course the Callaghan Government is incapable of taking any such lead, and nothing has been done."

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"Countries which do not have masses of tanks and have no intention of invading other nations have nothing to fear from the neutron weapon," he said.

Besides, a great advantage of the weapon was that it did much less damage to innocent civilians and property than old-fashioned "dirty" nuclear devices.

"Quite apart from the great propaganda bonus which President Carter and Mr Callaghan have presented to the Russians, the decision is on its merits therefore a foolish one," he claimed.

"If the Russians are to be deterred, a decision has been made, which will do great psychological, political and military damage to NATO," he added.

#### Threat

The ferocity of Sir Ian Gilmour's attack underlines the undercurrent of the Shadow Cabinet that neutron weapons—which have been specifically designed to protect Europe against the threat of massed tank attacks by the Warsaw Pact countries—may never be deployed.

And senior Tory sources last night confirmed that the top defence priority of any Government headed by Mrs Thatcher would be to put pressure on the Americans to change their minds.

Many of them are convinced that the military imbalance in Europe is now so pronounced that the Russians might be tempted to go for a quick conventional victory.

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#### Premier back

Premier James Callaghan and Foreign Secretary David Owen flew into London yesterday after a day of summit talks with fellow E.E.C. leaders in Copenhagen.

### HEALEY'S BUDGET HINT:



'THE MOST AGREEABLE WE HAVE EVER HAD'

A SMILING Denis Healey takes a pre-Budget weekend stroll along the cliffs at Beachy Head, near Eastbourne. With him is his wife Edna. They had driven 10 miles to their cliff-top walk from their country home at Alfriston. But the Chancellor and his wife saw little of the sea—the Channel was swathed in mist. As the Healeys, armed with stout sticks, ploughed their way through thick grass and brambles, a battery of photographers followed, and plain-clothes policemen hovered discreetly in the background.

A few hikers, who braved a bitterly cold wind, recognised the Chancellor. One called out to him: "Don't be too hard on us!" Mr Healey did not reply, but as he headed back to his car he offered a hint of hope for the nation in Tuesday's Budget. He said: "It will be interesting, and I think the most agreeable that we have ever had."

Mr Healey is under powerful union pressure to come up with the goods. Union leaders warned last night that unless the economy was given a strong boost which cuts unemployment and leaves more money in people's wage packets, they would not co-operate in wage restraint.

### YARD FREES MURDER SUSPECT ON BAIL

by WILLIAM MASSIE

A BRITON whom police suspect of involvement in a brutal murder has been set free by Scotland Yard, because the crime was committed in Rhodesia.

Now the bizarre case of the 33-year-old suspect has set a problem for Government ministers as it emerged yesterday that the Metropolitan Police keeps direct links with Mr Ian Smith's "rebel" police authorities.

Further, the case concerns the battering to death of a 36-year-old Rhodesian. Crown prosecutors cannot return the suspect to Salisbury for trial.

Britain has no extradition treaty with Rhodesia, and to send him back informally would amount to recognition of Mr Smith's courts.

#### Concession

So the man is living in north London after being granted unconditional police bail—a unique concession in a murder case.

He could be brought before an old Bailey jury, but the Crown's case would require formal evidence about the crime from Rhodesia.

And the arrival in Britain, by official invitation, of a senior Salisbury police officer might be capital disclosed that there had been "full co-operation" between the Rhodesian C.I.D. and Scotland Yard.

#### Full report

A Yard official said they had contacted Salisbury "to confirm that the murder did take place."

It happened on April 27, 1963, before Mr Smith declared U.D.I. Mr David Isaac Quinn, a Rhodesian, was found battered to death in a Salisbury courtyard.

Earlier this year the Yard interviewed a London man who was a teenage soldier in the Rhodesian army.

He gave a detailed statement to C.I.D. officers led by Horsaey-based Detective Chief Inspector Reeder before being freed on bail. No charges have been made.

Detective Chief Inspector Reeder refused to comment but a Yard spokesman said: "A full report has been sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions."

And I can reveal that a former Rhodesian police officer who was involved in the Quinn murder investigation nearly 15 years ago has offered to help the Yard.

The ex-detective who lives in Nottingham, is likely to be a prosecution witness at an Old Bailey trial if one is held. British subjects accused of committing murder abroad can be tried at the Central Criminal Court.

## Maggie stands by clamp-down on immigration

MRS Margaret Thatcher, undeterred by uproar from immigrants' organisations and a threat to take the Tories to the Human Rights Court, yesterday stamped her own authority on party proposals to curb immigration.

Of the "tough but fair" package of measures outlined by her deputy, Mr William Whitelaw, she pledged: "The next Conservative Government will implement our proposals and thus establish the foundations of lasting racial harmony."

And to the "arrogant" Callaghan Government she said: —

"Let's have no more humbug. Let Ministers listen to the people for a change, instead of preaching at them."

"Let Ministers accept that good race relations in Britain depend on ending immigration as we have known it in the last two decades."

Keeping up the drumming, she told the annual meeting of the Conservative Central Council at Leicester: —

"Every time we have brought in tighter controls over immigration, Labour politicians have attacked us. They have fought our proposals, and they have accused us of every sin in the book."

"They have been joined in this outward show of indignation by the leaders of the Liberal Party."

#### Disregard

"But they do not repeat the laws we introduced when they came to office. Indeed, I recall that the present Prime Minister brought in more controls when he was Home Secretary."

"Mrs Thatcher went on: "Labour's attitude to immigration is one example of their apparent disregard for what is really happening in our towns and cities."

"But politicians cannot turn a blind eye to what is going on, or arrogantly refuse to heed people's worries and anxieties."

"Willie Whitelaw spoke to you yesterday afternoon about race and that our progress here is equal before the law and has the same right and responsibilities as everyone else. That is not in dispute."

"They are constructive. They are tough. But they are fair."

Earlier in her speech, Mrs Thatcher pooh-poohed Tuesday's Budget in advance, and after noting signs of an election in the air, attacked Mr Callaghan's whirl of summitry.

### Schoolgirl, 10, is murdered

The murdered body of missing schoolgirl Andrea Heeger, aged 10, was found last night in a derelict tenement basement near her home in Charing Cross, Glasgow.

Strathclyde C.I.D. chief Det Supt John McDougall described her death as "murder most foul."

by KEITH RENSNAW

She said: "As next Tuesday approaches there is frantic activity in the Treasury kitchens. What does the chief cook plan for our delight as he busily stirs the Budget pot?"

"Not much, I fear, but a little thin gruel."

"But whatever you are given, don't dare to do an Oliver Twist and ask for more."

Mr Healey to return to you the \$3,000 million in income tax cuts that you would need in order to get back what you were paying under the last Tory Government."

That was too much to expect from the man who has recruited 20,000 new tax collectors, said Mrs Thatcher.

Mr Pratul Patel, secretary of the Committee on U.K. Citizenship, reacted strongly yesterday to the Tory immigration curbs.

He said: "The proposal on visas, for example, is not practical, not feasible, and contrary to our equal opportunities law."

"The immigrant community will have no hesitation in taking this up with the European Court of Human Rights."

Mr James Anderson, the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, whose firm handling of Right-wing demonstrators has been criticised recently, told an audience of magistrates: —

"I believe that we have created a false hysteria about race, and that our progress along the road to greater understanding has been hindered rather than helped by some race relations laws."

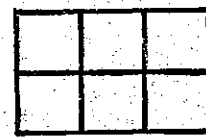
Today's Weather

BRIGHT SPELLS, SHOWERS, COLD

Weather Map Page 11. Lighting up time 8.17 p.m. to 5.45 a.m. Monday

### IS RHODESIA ON JIMMY CARTER'S GIVE-AWAY LIST?

QUESTION from a 1978 test for 15-year-olds. Shade in 2/3 of this diagram: —

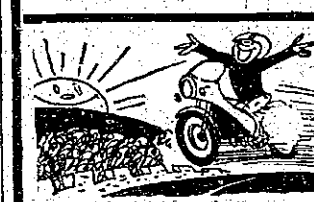


QUESTION from a 1928 test for 12-year-olds. What two numbers differ by 79 and added together make up 424?

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CARTER

(See this page) WASHINGTON, Saturday. — Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd said today a major factor in the President's decision was the failure of right-hearted European allies to back neutron bomb development because of their fear it might be unpopular among their people.

Later an Administration official said: "We weren't going to go around running this down people's throats."

## The case for investing in the Save & Prosper Property Fund

With the prospect of improved economic activity in 1978, and the continued fall in interest rates, it is our belief that the outlook for property investment is promising. In particular, recent months have already seen an increase in the level of rents paid in several areas of the property market, notably shops and industrial buildings. This increase should be of particular benefit to the Save & Prosper Property Fund given that, of its 58 properties, 14 have rent reviews during 1978, and a further 26 have reviews over the following two years.

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## Cabinet in battle over plan to buy Boeings

by DON PERRY

A TOUGH Cabinet battle is raging among Mr Callaghan's senior Ministers over British Airways' proposal to spend £200 million on Boeing 737 jets. A possible order book worth £5,000 million for Britain's air industry is at stake.

Government approval for the State airline's plan to replace its BAC111s with the Boeings could open the door to British participation in a new family of Boeings for the 1980s.

Rolls-Royce engines would go on all Boeings bought by British operators and on to other national airlines where Rolls-Royce are preferred. In addition the wings of all the new Boeing family would be built in the factories of the British Aerospace Corporation.

Airline operators estimate that the new Boeing family could set at least 1,000 planes in the next five years—worth £15,000 million at current prices. Around one third of the total would come from Britain.

The profits from the sales of a new high performance Rolls engine, the RB211-535, in which £200 million is to be invested, for development, could be enormous.

#### Partnership

The political battle involves Dr David Owen, Foreign Secretary, and his ambitions in Europe.

Mr Eric Varley, the Secretary for Industry, is supporting the Transatlantic plans for the future of the British air industry.

Dr Owen would prefer to sink the partnership deal with the Americans in favour of committing the British aerospace industry to working with the German and French makers of the European Airbus, where American aero-engine makers are deeply entrenched.

### UNION BAN 'PEBBLE' MILL' MAN

BROADCASTER and journalist Donny MacLeod was expelled yesterday from the National Union of Journalists, for providing help and endorsement for the most notorious anti-trade union publisher of them all D.C. Thomson of Dundee.

Mr MacLeod, the burly Scottish co-presenter of B.B.C. 1's lunchtime "Pebble" Mill programme, appeared in several Scottish Television advertisements — for a D.C. Thomson publication.

This, said an NUJ complaints committee, was a breach of the union's backing of D.C. Thomson and a stab in the back for hundreds of Scottish journalists.

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## Carmen Franco held at airport

from TIM BROWN

MADRID, Saturday. — General Franco's daughter Carmen, the Marquesa de Villaverde, was detained at Madrid's international airport after 31 gold and diamond medallions worth about £14,000 were discovered in her handbag.

The 51-year-old Marquesa, on the way to Switzerland on Friday, was questioned by police, told she needed an export licence for the jewels and

forced to deposit them with customs until her return.

She missed her flight and had to catch a later plane.

The Marquesa told officials the medallions were presented to her late father, autocratic ruler of Spain for nearly 40 years, in recognition of his services to the country.

The Marquesa's aunt, Franco's sister Pilar, said of the medallions: "She would be carrying them to wear them. If she was going on a trip she would need them."

In the days of the Franco regime, the Marquesa's only child, would not have had to go through Customs. But on Friday she was treated like any other passenger.